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## AUGUST BUSINESS CALLED BEST IN BEACH HISTORY SEPTEMBER VISTA BRIGHT

### Crowds Expected for Labor Day; Boom Spills Over on Roanoke Island as Resorts Prosper; Conventions to be Held Next Month; German Tobacco Men to Visit Outer Banks

By RALPH POOL  
Business on the Dare Beaches this month, up to Sunday, has been the best in history for a like period, in the opinion of many who should know.  
July was good, too, after a bad start on the Fourth. However, there were some vacancies at hotels, motels and rented cottages, and things generally were not altogether as good as they might have been.  
For August up to last Sunday, the picture was different. The "no vacancy" sign got a real workout while its companion gathered dust. Hotels, motels, service stations, stores, beach services and restaurants have been kept on the jump. The Wright Memorial and its Museum have averaged 2,000 visitors a day this month, and the good times have been reflected by heightened activity at the Oregon Inlet Fishing Center and on the Hatteras and Ocracoke Banks.

### Boom Spills Over

The boom has spilled over to Manteo and Fort Raleigh, where "The Lost Colony," showing nightly except Sunday but with one special Sunday showing, has finally tossed away its red ink bottle. The Elizabethan Garden, too, has had hosts of visitors, with the climax for it, as well as the Paul Green drama, coming on Virginia Dare Day.  
This week, there is a lull. Some cottagers are closing up and moving out, to put their children back in school. Hotels and motels are noting a few vacancies. Fishing piers are not quite as well people as they were.

### Labor Day

The final fling will come on See BUSINESS, Page Seven

## BEACH PATROL HELPS SAVE MAN'S LIFE

### Robert McMillan Might Have Died Without Resuscitator

The new Dare County Beach Patrol chalked up its first real rescue last Friday.  
Robert McMillan of Brunswick, Ga., was sighted about noon by Richard Dodd, life guard at Avalon Beach, apparently in trouble a good way out from shore.  
As he started out to bring in the distressed swimmer, Dodd had someone telephone the Beach Patrol at the Cavalier Motor Court, its headquarters. Barely conscious.  
The patrol jeep, manned by Lloyd Horton and George Richardson, was on the scene when Dodd brought McMillan in. It was in shock and barely conscious, they said; and they sent for the Kill Devil Hills resuscitator while giving McMillan first aid.  
With the use of the resuscitator, the rescued man was brought back to full consciousness, and was practically all right within 15 minutes, the beach patrolmen said. However, they took him on a stretcher to the Sandpiper Cottage, where he was staying.  
Without someone present who knew where the resuscitator could be obtained, the man might have died, Horton and Richardson said.  
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## NAGS HEAD BOARD ASKS DUNE FUNDS

### Commissioners Request Use of Unexpected County CD Balance

At a special meeting Tuesday, the Nags Head Board of Town Commissioners passed a resolution requesting State Civil Defense authorities to ask the Dare County Board of Commissioners to use unexpended Civil Defense funds to re-establish washed-away sand dunes on the beach side of U. S. 158 Business.  
The Nags Head request already has been okayed by the Office of Emergency Planning and other agencies, and he is willing to sign the town's application to use surplus CD funds for it, David Stick, chairman of the Dare Board of County Commissioners, said Wednesday.

### To Be Done in October

The work probably will begin shortly after October 1, Stick added, explaining that the bulldozers, pans and other necessary equipment are in use on Hatteras Island and it was thought best to finish the job there first.  
One bulldozer would take a long time on the job, he explained, whereas by using several, with pans to move the sand in five- or six-foot lots, it can be done quickly and efficiently.  
"This has been a ticklish matter since the March 7 storm. The See BOARD, Page Seven

## BARTLET F. GARRISON OF WANCHESE MAN WITH A GROWING KIND OF SHRUB



By LAWRENCE MADDRY  
What kind of man is it that will allow a shrub to grow between the boards of his house and watch for years while its greenness spreads to the second story and then emerges through the roof?  
It is a man like Bartlet F. Garrison, 84, Wanchese's oldest male citizen, who allowed a privet shrub to grow until it pushed the window out of his attic "for the sheer heck of it," and refused to charge tourists who want to photograph the curiosity.  
Remarkable Person  
By any standard, Bart Garrison is a remarkable person. A fisherman, mate, carpenter, and groceryman in his lifetime, the dean of Wanchese citizens still wields a paintbrush or a saw when the need demands.  
At 84 years of age, Bart Garrison still arises at 4 a.m., rides his pony, Tomahawk, like a Texan and jumps off the porch of his 102-year-old home like a youth of 19.  
A kindly man who is described by friends as having "more horse sense than philosophy," Mr. Garrison is probably Wanchese's most beloved personality.  
Lived in Same House  
Bart Garrison was born and raised in the white two story house which his father, Jonathan T. Garrison, built in 1866. Bart says he'll "live in the house with the shrub until I die and I hope it isn't too soon."  
His father, Jonathan, was a Yankee sailor from New Jersey who fell in love with Sarah Daniels, a Wanchese girl, married her, and joined the Confederacy when the Civil War began at Fort Sumpter.  
Jonathan, a corporal, who helped defend Roanoke Island against the invading swarm of blue uniforms which stormed through the marshes on the morning of February 7, 1862, loved to tell Bart stories "about the war" on winter evenings.  
Bart remembers his father saying that he "climbed a tall cypress tree when he first heard the yankees were coming." Mr. Garrison says his father was a scout and a coward. Knowing See GARRISON, Page Seven

## CITIZENSHIP ANALYZED

## WINNING ESSAY WRITTEN BY MANTEO HIGH SENIOR

An essay written by Charles Evans, a senior in Manteo High School, has won first place in a statewide Youth Fitness contest conducted in the schools. Evans, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Evans of Manteo, was the winner in the Boys State Speaking Contest last year.  
His winning essay, entitled "Citizenship through 4-H," follows:  
Citizenship according to the dictionary means the act of owning allegiance to a government or being a member of a state. In a way belonging to a 4-H club makes you a type of citizen. You are a "member" of the organization and to it you owe your "allegiance." But that is only the beginning of citizenship through 4-H.  
What about the projects in which one participates? Do they develop citizenship? Yes, definitely. This is true in many ways. Take for instance the electric project, in which I have participated. Everyone that completes this project satisfactorily will



CHARLES EVANS

have developed his citizenship in some way. While doing this project, one meets people to talk with them about the project. Demonstrations and talks may be given. I demonstrated to several people how to read an electric meter and to repair cords and plugs.  
Because of my work in electricity, I won a trip to the Electric Congress in Winston-Salem. Meeting people and making new friends was an outstanding feature of this program.  
The safety project is also a great contributor to citizenship. By learning to remove harmful obstacles and dangers from around the house, you develop See EVANS, Page Seven

## CHARLES BRIGGS, FORMER COLONY PERFORMER AND DARE RESIDENT, IN FILM AT PIONEER THEATRE



CHARLES BRIGGS, one of the brightest stars on the Hollywood horizon, was raised in Manteo and Kill Devil Hills. A versatile actor who performs with equal ease before television or movie cameras, Charles has played "everything from a sadistic killer to a sympathetic policeman." Further proof of his versatility will be displayed to theater-goers at the Pioneer Theater on September 6 and 7 when he will appear as "Muley" a comic character in the technicolor movie "Merrill's Marauders," a film depicting the route of Japanese troops in Burma by heroic G. I.'s in World War II. A former Lost Colony actor, Charles is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. H. Briggs of Kill Devil Hills, operators of the Croatan Hotel.

## HOME IN SPRING

## CHARLES BRIGGS: ACTOR WANTS CAREER AS WRITER

By LAWRENCE MADDRY  
The fact that Charles Briggs will have a starring role in "Merrill's Marauders," the technicolor movie appearing at the Pioneer Theater on Thursday and Friday of next week, just doesn't seem to impress his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Briggs of Kill Devil Hills.  
"I saw the movie in Norfolk and Charles and the whole family feel that it is his best role thus far," Mrs. Briggs says, "but Charles wants to be a writer; that's what we're interested in."  
At a time when other actors would sell their celluloid souls for the roles which Charles has talented into, Charles Briggs considers his recent performances in "How The West Was Won," a Cinerama spectacular with Debbie Reynolds and Spencer Tracy, and his recent appearance on "Route 66" as stepping stones and bread winners to support his writing ambitions.  
Gruesome Stuff  
Mrs. Briggs says that Charles has wanted to be a writer since his student days at East Carolina College, where he majored in English and directed a student production of "Mister Roberts."  
What kind of writing does Charles do. "Mostly gruesome stuff," she said with a kind of shrug "I think he calls it action material, to me it's gruesome. "Serious drama is his field," she recalled. "He's that kind of person, our Charles."  
I don't know Charles Briggs, I've only seen him from the anonymous armchair of a darkened theater, but he acts well and there's a hint of concern that smolders behind a pair of intent eyes, and his versatility as an actor traces my image of the man with the quality of understanding.  
After expressing surprise that a successful actor wants to write, Mrs. Briggs reminded me that Bob Armstrong, t. v. star and another former Colony performer, as John Borden, also has writing ambitions.  
"They see each other every day, play golf together and talk about their frustrated writing

## FERRY ARRIVES FOR OPERATION "KNOTTS ISLAND"

### New Ferryboat Will Save Kids 100 Mile Schoolbus Trip To Attend Classes

The new Knotts Island ferryboat arrived in Currituck at 6 a.m. Thursday after a two day journey from Wilmington, but will not begin its operation in time for school transportation on at 4:30 p.m.  
Ferry Operations Manager D. W. Patrick said Tuesday that the \$125,000 ferry will "definitely not be in service Friday." "It will be ready for the Sept. 4 official opening," he stated.  
School officials in Currituck County had hoped that the ferry, built by Wilson Marine Railway Co., would be available to carry Knotts Island children to the first day of classroom meetings on Friday.  
Direct Link  
When put into service, the ferryboat will provide a direct transportation link with the mainland and save the 30 Knotts Island students a 100 mile round trip, half of it through Virginia, as they journey to and from school.  
Patrick said the fall and winter schedule will have the boat leaving the mainland at 6.30 a.m. for the first trip daily, and departing for the final trip daily at 4:30 p.m.  
The boat will carry 14 cars and have facilities for 50 passengers. See FERRY, Page Three

## HUNTERS AND WILDFOWL ESCHEW BOMBING RANGE SEN. MIDGETT CHARGES

### Anti-Bomb Range Forces Claim Air Force Activities at Mattamuskeet or Lake Phelps Post Threat to Wildfowl, Timberland and Bird-Seeking Hunters at Special Meeting Held in Raleigh Before Gov's Committee.

## ALMA THE STORM FAILS TO HALT BANKS FISHING

### Giant Billfish Still Caught Along the Outer Banks In Quinity

Tropical storm Alma, more watched than wrathful, interrupted fishing for one day over the past week, but mid-week reports indicated that angling was back to normal by Thursday.  
On the eve of the Caribbean-spawned disturbance's projected arrival off the Outer Banks, the Gulf Stream cruisers were having good results with billfish and blackfin tuna out near the Hundred Fathom Curve, on Tuesday.  
Skipper Olds of Great Bridge, Va. caught a 255 pound blue marlin while fishing from the Sportsman, captained by Omie Tillett, despite the ocean's chop. See FISHING, Page Three

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By LAWRENCE MADDRY  
State Senator J. D. Midgett of Hyde asserted on Wednesday that his objection to an Air Force bombing range in either Hyde or Washington County was based not on where the wild geese go but where the hunter travels.  
Midgett told a special committee studying the bombing range problem in Raleigh that he was not convinced the range would not play havoc with waterfowl or start fires.  
Midgett, who noted that hunting and fishing is his county's second largest industry, asserted that it makes little difference whether the planes frighten the birds or whether hunters think they do.  
"If he is convinced by fact or by psychological reason, the effect is the same," the senator said. The hunter will still stay away, he claimed.  
Anti-range forces, headed by Midgett, argued that even if biologists proved that the birds could adjust to the bombing exercises, they still would oppose the range in the ground that it would cause a psychological bar to gun and dollar toting hunters.  
The Wednesday meeting followed a similar discussion on Tuesday when Rep. David Henderson, Third District Democratic Congressman, had argued that the range would not endanger geese and waterfowl, either of the proposed range sites—Mattamuskeet or Phelps Lake.  
He pointed out then that flights have not molested wildlife at the Navy ranges in Dare County or at a range located See BOMBING, Page Three

## LARGEST CROWD SINCE '49

## STANDING ROOM ONLY AT COLONY LAST SAT.

The attraction of an immortal drama, stary skies and five busloads of Home Demonstration workers from eastern North Carolina were the major ingredients in an attendance formula which produced a standing-room-only audience at The Lost Colony last Saturday night as 1,949 theater-goers crowded the aisles of Waterside Theater.  
It was, according to Ayeck Brown, publicity director for the show, "the first time in the post World War II history of the Colony that there was standing room only." Brown said that the audience was the show's largest since August of 1949, a boom year for the Paul Green drama.  
In an attendance breakdown Brown indicated that there were 1737 paid admissions, approximately 150 youngsters under six who were admitted free, 23 press representatives or members of their families, two public relations admissions, and nine R. I. H. A. members present.  
A season's record of sorts is in the making, too. Total attendance of 39,191 up to Monday last year was about 3,000 ahead of the figure at the corresponding time last year. In fact, this season is running neck and neck with 1956, which was the best recent year.  
The season's total in 1956 was

42,201. With a little luck, that figure may be surpassed any day now, and this may turn out to be the best attendance year since 1953.  
Back in the early years of the "The Lost Colony," however, the foregoing figures were far eclipsed. For instance, 60,000 persons saw it in 1941.  
The last show of the season will be given Sunday night. See COLONY, Page Three

## STATE ACTION AWAITED

## BEACHES' WATER PROBLEM MAY BE NEAR SOLUTION

Solution of the Dare beaches' water problem—a problem that has existed since John White's day—may be at hand.  
Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills town boards are awaiting word—that may come any day now—that the State Local Government Commission has approved referendums, and that their application to the U. S. Community Facilities Administration for help in financing a water system to serve the beaches has been acted upon favorably.  
Filtering plants, elevated storage tanks and many miles of pipe lines are contemplated. The cost will be considerable—\$900,000 is the estimate for Nags Head—but the project is regarded as vital to the future of the beaches.  
On Long-Term Basis  
If Federal money is made available for the work, it would be repaid by the property owners in the area served. Repayment would be on a long-term basis, at a low interest rate.  
The whole thing hinges, however, on the outcome of a referendum that will be called, once the funds are available. The referendum must be advertised in advance, which means loss of time. However, proponents of the water system are daring to hope that it can be installed and ready to operate by the opening of the 1963 summer season.  
Meanwhile, the beaches have solved, at least temporarily, the water problems brought by the Ash Wednesday storm. Pollution was the biggest one, with salinity a close second.  
Tanks Valuable  
The first step was the installation of two emergency filter plants near Kill Devil Hills, drawing water from the Fresh Ponds. A companion step was the placing of ten 500-gallon storage tanks at regular intervals along the beach and on U. S. 158 Bypass. This was done by the State Highway Commission, with the cost met from Civil Defense funds. The operation was supervised by the State Health Department and the Dare Board of County Commissioners.  
Water Changed Daily  
Filtered and chlorinated, the water supply is renewed daily. Tanks are emptied each day, regardless of the amount they contain. Their 5,000-gallon daily take has not affected the water level of the Fresh Ponds.  
Thousands of pollution tests were made by the State and Dare County Health Departments, and cottagers and others warned, where necessary. As a result, there has not been a See WATER, Page Two

## SPECTACULAR WATER SHOW AT POINT HARBOR



AMONG THE MANY popular events slated for the Labor Day week end, is the third annual water show sponsored by the Ski Lagoon at Point Harbor, under direction of H. A. Sargent.  
The program will get underway at 1:30 p.m. and the general public is invited to attend. A featured guest of the show will be LaVerne Watson of Norfolk, "Cousin Tibble" of WTAR-TV fame. He will present comedy and stunt water ski acts.  
Again featured in the program will be the Outer Banks Ski Club of Virginia and North Carolina, performing pyramid skiing with six men. In addition, spectators will see water ballet, trick skiing and mixed doubles under the show.  
Barefoot skiing and a kite-flying skier will be two of the more outstanding events. In past performances a kite-flyer has gone as high as 100 feet.  
The Ski Lagoon is located on Pine Grove Lane one-quarter mile from the bridge over Currituck Sound. In the event of inclement weather, the show will be postponed until Sunday.

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